

REMARKS

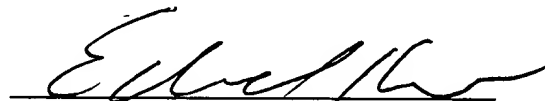
Claims 1 to 28 remain in the application, of which Claims 21 to 24 have been amended. Claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 to 28 are the independent claims herein.

Favorable review and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Claims 21 to 24 have been amended so as to be re-written in non-means-plus-function terminology. The amendments are not believed to affect the patentability asserted in the October 2, 2003 Amendment After Final Rejection and therefore, Claims 21 to 24 are believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth therein.

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